

Appl. No. 10/009,157
Suppl. Amdt. dated October 4, 2005
Reply to Office Action of July 29, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-2, 5-8, 11, 13-15, 17, 19, 21, and 23 were pending. This amendment adds dependent claims 24-27. No additional claims fees are believed due.

The Amendments to the Claims

For improved clarity, claim 13 has been amended at line 2 to insert "the" prior to "locking device".

Claims 24-25 reinstate claims 3-4 as last amended January 15, 2004, except that claim 25 (reinstating claim 4) now depends from claim 24 rather than claim 3 due to claim renumbering. Claims 3-4 were directed to non-elected species B as identified in the Restriction Requirement of June 10, 2003 and were withdrawn as a result of the Restriction Requirement.

Claim 26-27 reinstate claims 9-10 as last amended October 28, 2004, except that claim 27 (reinstating claim 10) now depends from claim 26 rather than claim 9 due to claim renumbering. Claims 9-10 were directed to non-elected species B as identified in the Restriction Requirement of June 10, 2003 and were withdrawn as a result of the Restriction Requirement.

Request for Rejoinder

Claim 1, a generic claim, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that claims 24-25, which depend from and include all the limitations of the generic linking claim 1, be rejoined.

Claim 7, a generic claim, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn

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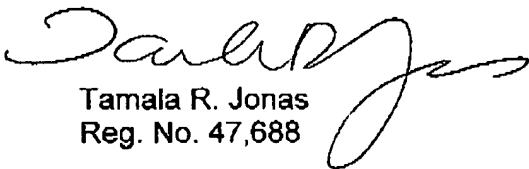
and that claims 26-27, which depend from and include all the limitations of the generic linking claim 7, be rejoined.

CONCLUSION

All claims being in condition for allowance, passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. If this is incorrect, please charge any required fee, including any fee for extension of time, to deposit account 07-1969.

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